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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir,

Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action mailed on December 17, 2003, in the above-captioned application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the time for response be extended up to and including June 17, 2004. A check in the amount of \$475.00 is attached to cover the three-month extension of time fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3). In the event of any variance between the amount enclosed and the fees determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks in response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 17, 2003 (hereinafter the "Office Action"), in the above-captioned application.

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AMENDMENTS

Responsive to the Office Action, please amend the above-captioned application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.